

IC 20-5-15

Chapter 15. Public Library in Connection With School

IC 20-5-15-1

Authority to establish and operate free public library

Sec. 1. In all the cities and incorporated towns of this state, the board of school trustees, board of school commissioners, or whatever board may be established by law to take charge of the public or common schools of said city or incorporated town, shall have power, if, in their discretion, they deem it to the public interest, to establish a free public library in connection with the common schools of said city or incorporated town, and to make such rules and regulations for the care and protection and government of such library and for the care of the books provided therefor, and for the taking from and returning to said library of such books as the said board may deem necessary and proper, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof. However, in any city or incorporated town where there is already established a library open to all the people, no tax shall be levied for the purpose herein named.

(Formerly: Acts 1881, c.27, s.1; Acts 1883, c.82, s.1; Acts 1913, c.98, s.1.) As amended by Acts 1982, P.L.1, SEC.45.

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Tax levy; powers to disburse funds

Sec. 2. Such board shall also have power to levy a tax of not exceeding one (1) mill on each dollar of taxable property assessed for taxation in such city in each year; which tax shall be placed on the tax duplicate of such city, and collected in the same manner as other taxes; and when said taxes are so collected, they shall be paid over to the said board for the support and maintenance of said public library. Such board shall have power, and it shall be its duty, to disburse said fund, and all revenues derived from gift or devise, in providing and fitting up suitable rooms for such library, in the purchase, care and binding of books therefor, and in the payment of salaries to a librarian and necessary assistants.

(Formerly: Acts 1881, c.27, s.2; Acts 1899, c.249, s.1.)

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Acquisition or sale of real estate

Sec. 3. Any such city in which a free public library may be established in accordance with the terms of this chapter may acquire by purchase, or take and hold by gift, grant, or devise, any real estate necessary for, or which may be donated or devised for, the benefit of such library, and all revenues arising therefrom, and the proceeds of the same, if sold, shall be devoted to the use of said library.

(Formerly: Acts 1881, c.27, s.3.) As amended by P.L.2-1988, SEC.544.